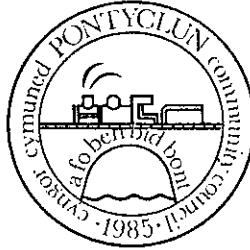


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July, 1993.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Mr C G Bendle, Professor I D Bowen, Mr J R Dilworth, Mr E V Griffiths (Chairperson), Mr V P James and Mr G M Moir

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs A Burton, Mr T J Burton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips

2. Chairperson's business

There were no items of Chairperson's business

3. Allocation of grants for financial assistance for 1993/94

The Council considered a schedule of organisations which had made application for financial assistance. In deciding the applications, the Council referred to the amendments made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the advice of the District Auditor dated 25 August, 1992.

RESOLVED: The the following grants be made:

	£	p
Taff Ely Drug Support	50	00
D.I.A.L. Llantrisant	100	00
Pontyclun Neighbourhood Watch No. 2	20	00
* Pontyclun R.F.C.	200	00
\$ # Pontyclun Senior Citizens	300	00
Taff Ely Victim Support	50	00
* Pontyclun Group - Glamorgan Wildlife Trust	20	00
Musical Chords	20	00
* Miskin Manor Cricket Club		
* Miskin Manor Junior Cricket Club	250	00

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	£	p
St. Paul's Sunday School	20	00
St David's Church, Miskin	100	00
Age Concern -		
Llantrisant Town Ward	100	00
Pontyclun Horticultural		
Show Society	200	00
Citizens Advice Bureau	50	00
1st Pontyclun Girls' Brigade	100	00
Pontyclun and District Allotments		
Association - Maesyfelin Site	60	00
Miskin and Mwyndy W. I.	75	00
Llantrisant Folk Club	20	00
Cantorion Pontyclun	100	00
1st Pontyclun Brownies	50	00
\$ * Maesyfelin Neighbourhood Watch	20	00
Pontyclun Juniors F.C.	100	00
1st Pontyclun Boys' Brigade	100	00
Bethell Church Youth Group	50	00
Ysgol Feithrin - Llantrisant		
a'r Cylch	150	00
St Paul's Church Nursery	150	00

NOTES:

- (i) The application from Pontyclun Community Wheels was deferred to the Council's next meeting.
- (ii) The Chairperson, Councillor Eric V Griffith, declared an interest in the applications denoted " * " and took no part in the Council's deliberations.
- (iii) Councillor John R Dilworth declared an interest in the application marked " # " and took no part in the Council's deliberations
- (iv) Councillor Vivian P James declared an interest in the applications marked " \$ " and took no part in the Council's deliberations

In awarding these grants the Council took into account the advice given by the District Auditor on the changes made to Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, by Sections 36 to 38 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989. In particular, whether:

- (a) the payment is of direct benefit
- (b) the benefit is proportion to the payment made

- (c) the organisation's own resources are sufficient and other potential income considered including other local councils' and
- (d) the money is not being used to circumvent any limitations on specific powers
- (e) the impact of grants, and of setting a precedent which would result in applications from other groups.

4. Questionnaire from Dwr Cymru Welsh Water

RESOLVED: That the Council do not participate in the survey of business customers' views.

5. Possibility of the erection of a bus shelter at Bethel Court, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

The Council discussed the possibility of erecting a bus shelter at the bus stop adjacent to the new flats at Bethel Court in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That before the possibility of erecting a bus shelter be discussed with the County Council, the Clerk make arrangements to sound out the feelings of the residents of Bethel Court in addition to the residents of six properties to the north and six properties to the south of Bethel Court.

6. Application for planning consent to develop land at the rear of Tesco Stores, Talbot Green

The Council discussed the application for planning consent to develop land at the rear of Tesco Stores, Talbot Green.

RESOLVED: That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that:

- (i) The site is one of the few remaining wetland sites in the locality providing a habitat for wildlife and numerous species of plants.
- (ii) The application is believed to be contrary to Welsh Office Planning Policy Guidance No. 6. The guidance stresses the need to balance existing commercial outlets with

new out of town developments. If the development were allowed it would threaten existing commercial outlets in Talbot Green, Llantrisant and Pontyclun.

- (iii) The existing wetlands act as a reservoir in times of heavy rain thus regulating the amount of water being released into the rivers Clun and Ely. The removal of the wetlands will considerably increase the risk of flooding downstream.
- (iv) The developed area adjacent to the wetlands, including Tesco's, Homeworld, Newpark estate and the Parc Newydd Home for the Elderly, is already saturated with traffic at peak periods. Further development will exacerbate existing congestion.
- (v) The proposed development, including a Macdonald's drive in restaurant, would generate significant noise, especially late at night, and would be inappropriate in a residential area where there is a large number of elderly and handicapped folk.
- (vi) There is already an adequate supply of commercial premises in the vicinity and there are many shop premises which are empty.
- (vii) The proposed development will encourage the use of vehicles thus increasing the emissions of CO2 gas. Welsh Office Planning Policy Guidance No.6 specifically seeks to discourage increased CO2 emissions.
- (viii) The proposed development will encourage similar infill developments in environmentally sensitive areas.
- (ix) If consent for the development is granted there will be considerable reduction in visual amenity.
- (x) Any gain from increased employment opportunities at the developed site is likely to be minimal.

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7. Nomination of a representative to fill the vacancies on the British Transport Police and South Wales Police (Taff Ely) Consultative Committees

The Council discussed the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr Alan Gregory, the Council's representative.

RESOLVED: That the nominations be deferred to the Council's September meeting.

8. Reports from Members

(a) Services provided by the Taff Ely Borough Council

Councillor Vivian P James reported that members of NALGO employed by the Borough Council were currently in dispute over the offer made by employers to increase salaries and car allowances. Industrial action was being contemplated by NALGO. If industrial action were to ensue it was likely that services would be affected.

The report was noted.

(b) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - East Glamorgan and Gwent Area Committee

Councillor John Dilworth reported that he had been fortunate to secure a commitment from Mr Tharani, an expert in Urban Aid, to address the next meeting of the Area Committee at its meeting Ystrad Mynach on 7 September.

The report was noted.

(c) Circular from the Borough Council on Urban Aid Grant

Councillor Vivian P James commented on the late receipt of the circular from the Borough Council advising of the procedure to be followed to obtain Urban Aid Grant. He suggested that the matter should be raised at the next meeting of the Borough Council/Community Councils Joint Liaison Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk raise the matter at the next meeting.

(d) Proposed new access road to the Mvwndy Industrial Estate

Several members commented on the plans of the Highways and Transportation Committee of the County Council to apply to the Planning Committee of the County Council

for planning permission to construct a new access road to the Mwyndy Industrial Estate.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the Council's letter to the Welsh Office objecting to the proposals, and asking that the application be "called in", be sent to the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council and to each Borough Council member.

9. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Traffic congestion outside Leeke's Superstore, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Cyril Bendle commented on the traffic congestion on the A4222 outside the Leeke's superstore on weekends. He reported that the area had become such an attraction that he had observed an opportunist ice cream vendor selling his products amidst the congestion.

RESOLVED: That the police be requested to give urgent consideration to employing a traffic warden in the vicinity at weekends.

(b) Overhanging trees, Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Cyril Bendle reported that overhanging trees on the A4222, at a point opposite the Pontyclun Fire Station, were impeding the vision of drivers approaching the junction to the Ynysddu Farm Estate. He asked if the matter could be brought to the attention of the highway authority.

RESOLVED: That County Councillor Professor Delme Bowen raise the matter with the County Council.

10. The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

Eric Griffiths